	Items of subsidy	Expenditure 1994-95 Actuals	1995-96 Actuals	1996-97 (RE)
8.	Mill-made cloth	..	1	..
9.	Handloom cloth	148	143	98
10.	Export/Import of sugar, Edible oils etc.	..	100	50
11.	Interest subsidy	76	34	1257
12.	Others	420	481	590
	Total	12932	13305	16694

Banks in minority concentration districts

2439. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India has been asked to identify areas in minority concentration districts for opening of banks; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Kickback in banking system

2440. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that kickback is prevalent in banking system as far as fixed and term deposit schemes are concerned; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that in terms of RBI instructions banks have been prohibited to pay brokerage both on domestic and Non Resident External (NRE) deposits in any form to any individual, firm, company, association, institution or any other person except commission paid to agent employed to collect door to door deposits under a special scheme and inexpensive gifts costing not more than the amount prescribed by Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in this regard from time to time. Further, banks have been advised to desist from launching prize-oriented deposit mobilisation schemes and paying brokerage in the form of commission or gift or incentives on deposits in any manner or in any other form except as indicated above.

States getting ODA from Japan

2441. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States getting Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) from Japan;

(b) whether any project is being implemented with Japanese assistance in Orissa;

(c) if so, the total amount of ODA that has been made available for such projects in the State of Orissa;

(d) the amount likely to be made available from Japan for those projects in Orissa; and

(e) the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) All the

State Governments are eligible to get Official Development Assistance from Japan. However, at present the following States are getting ODA from Japan:—

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, & West Bengal.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The total loan amount and amount made available as on 31.1.1997 of ODA for projects in the State of Orissa is as under:—

(Yen Million)

Project Name	Loan Amount	Drawal (as on 31.1.97)
1. Upper Kolab Irrigation Project	3769	2282.3
2. Upper Indravati Irrigation Project	3744	2286.1

(d) and (e) The amount likely to be made available till the loan closing dates of the above projects would be Yen 1486.7 and Yen 1457.9 million respectively.

Empowered Committee of Secretaries for processing of Fifth Pay Commission Report

2442. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Empowered Committee of the Secretaries for processing recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission category-wise/Name-wise/Ministry-wise;

(b) the guidelines given by Government to the aforesaid Committee;

(c) whether Government have invited comments and suggestions from the JCM and other Associations while taking final decisions on the recommendations of the Commission particularly in the Group 'D' and 'C' Central Government employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government have inducted any non-gazetted officer in the Committee if so, the details thereof and if not; reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) In accordance with the established procedure, an Empowered Committee is constituted to screen the recommendations of the Pay Commission. The Empowered Committee set up for the purpose comprises the following:

1. Secretary, Deptt. of Expenditure	Chairman
2. Secretary, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension	Member
3. Secretary, Ministry of Defence	"
4. Secretary, Deptt. of Revenue	"